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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 117
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A RESOLUTION to recognize the Johnson County Future Farmers of America for outstanding contributions to Tennessee's agricultural community.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those organizations that, through their extraordinary efforts, have improved the quality of life for the citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, the Future Farmers of America is one such estimable institution, and its Johnson County Chapter is the epitome of the ideal local chapter of this agricultural education society; and

WHEREAS, this noble association is a vital component of today's agricultural community; farmers are some of the most vital members of our society, and the FFA is an innovator in providing the knowledge and skills that allow the agricultural community to attain the greatest possible success; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the FFA motto of "Learning to Do; Doing to Learn; Earning to Live; Living to Serve," members of this fine organization place great emphasis on

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developing the knowledge, pride, self-esteem, and leadership that will allow them to make significant contributions to Tennessee and this nation, now and in future careers; and

WHEREAS, with 7,200 local chapters throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands and international programs in more than thirty countries, the Future Farmers of America is a leading organization in securing the future of our agricultural communities and educating the leaders of tomorrow; in addition to numerous farmers, many FFA alumni assume leadership roles in such diverse fields as genetic engineering, marketing, law, and communication; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson County Chapter has established itself as one of the top local chapters in the entire FFA organization; Johnson County's agricultural program is rated as the biggest and best in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, with four teachers, three greenhouses, and an innovative aquaculture center, the Johnson County Chapter is well-equipped to educate its more than four hundred agricultural students; the chapter's services and programs have proven invaluable in the education of many aspiring farmers; and

WHEREAS, with plans for an expansion of its aquaculture center, the Johnson County FFA Chapter has taken measures to ensure that its students will remain on the cutting edge of agricultural education; the chapter's progressive attitudes and dedication to modernization have facilitated the tremendous success in FFA competitions by Johnson County delegations and have earned the chapter widespread fame for its visionary programs; and

WHEREAS, the Future Farmers of America provides the highest level of invaluable service to all Tennesseans, but especially its agricultural communities, and plays a vital role in sustaining and improving the high quality of life that is enjoyed by the people of this great state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, That we commend the educators and students of the Johnson County Chapter of the Future Farmers of America for their organization's honorable and astute service to the agricultural community of Tennessee, congratulate them on their many notable accomplishments and wish them every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.